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Subject: Backup Materiel Cover Letter

Dear Committee Members and Staff:

I previously delivered to Kamyar an article from the *Journal of the Soil and Water Conservation Society*. It discussed the concerns that I have with global warming effects on water supply and added the effect of catastrophic fire on soil particles ability to hold water. I might paraphrase the effect for clarity by noting that bricks are not created to hold water.

Now I enclose the publication *California Agriculture* published by the University. Its feature articles are on climate change. In addition to the effects on water availability and quality, it notes biodiversity shifts in the wildlands. It has been one of my contentions that this shift will in turn increase the effects of climate change.

I have hypothesized that forest management practices will intensify the effects of climate change. It is probably not an effect to be added to global warming, but will be a multiplier effect on watershed and reservoir capacity and the general environment. Modeling is not my forte, and I would ask the able computer types in the Department to ascertain the severity of the forest impacts. I remain a speed bump on the information highway.

I have put stress on lack of focus on water in the watersheds and on reservoir retrofit as these are factors that can be mitigated. Planning in California can have little impact on tropical deforestation and other factors, but these are two areas that the State and Federal agencies can have positive effects. Two things are necessary to accomplish positive results:

The bureaucratic and political will to act positively with but the proper amount of studies.

The ability to put objections to action in perspective remembering the following two observations:

- o Political correctness arises not from assuredness of being in the right, but rather insecurity in the logic of a position.
- o Biodiversity is often but buzzworddiversity.

Sincerely,


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**Global climate change will
affect air, water in California**

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The scientific consensus is clear that global
warming is under way, but the extent of
coming change is still hotly debated.

97 Contract use widespread in wine grape industry

Goodhue et al.

Growers with more experience, larger
vineyards, more expensive wine grapes and
longer relationships with buyers were more
likely to have contracts.



**Avocado thrips:
New challenge for growers**

Hoddle et al.

Following the 1996 arrival of avocado thrips,
natural enemies and selective pesticides were
identified, and other potential thrips pests and
new IPM strategies were developed.



**Graft-transmissible agent
causes bark necrosis and
stem pitting in plum trees**

Marini, Rowhani, Uyemoto

After two Central Valley plum orchards failed,
studies were conducted to characterize the
viral disease agent; numerous *Prunus* species
were susceptible.

Sea surface temperature

28° F

95° F

▲ **COVER:** A new sensor orbiting the
Earth aboard NASA's Terra satellite is
collecting the most detailed measure-
ments ever made of the sea's surface
temperature.

The Moderate-resolution Imaging
Spectro-radiometer (MODIS) is measuring
sea surface temperature at twice the
accuracy of previous satellites. Taken
Jan. 1-8, 2001, this image shows cold
water upwelling near the coast of Peru
and joining the South Equatorial Current,
which flows westward across the Pacific
Ocean.

Thermal expansion of seawater and
widespread loss of land ice due to global
warming have very likely contributed to
the documented rise in sea level (1 to 2
millimeters annually) during the 20th
century.

Image by Jesse Allen, based on data
provided by the MODIS OCEAN Team and
the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of
Marine and Atmospheric Science Remote
Sensing Group.

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numbering this year. This change brings us into
conformity with a standard practice used by the vast
majority of peer-reviewed science journals. We
understand that this convention may be unfamiliar to
some of our lay audience, and apologize for any
inconvenience it may cause.